

## Postal Regulatory Commission

Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

### NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that the Commission received three petitions for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Niagara post office located in Niagara, North Dakota. The first petition for review received November 18, 2011, was filed by the Citizens against the closure of the Niagara post office. The second petition for review received November 29, 2011, was filed by Sandra K. Behm. The third petition for review received November 29, 2011, was filed by Tim Krueger. The earliest postmark date is November 10, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review).



Ruth Ann Abrams  
Acting Secretary

Date: December 2, 2011

Attachment

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November 9<sup>th</sup> 2011

Postal Regulatory Commission  
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Dear Postal Regulatory Commission:

Please do not close the Niagara Post Office here in Niagara, ND. This Post Office provides our community with safe and easy accessibility for their postal needs and for many, their independence. Our rural community patrons have stated that their needs will be denied with the closing of the Niagara Post Office and the decision to close the Niagara is not in accordance to Title 39, United States Code 404(b) any decision to close or consolidate a post office must be based on certain criteria. The Community of Niagara wants to appeal the decision of closing the Niagara Post Office and the following meets the required criteria:

- The Federal Government is willing to spend billions of dollars to create jobs, but is eliminating jobs in small town Post Offices.
- There are two Niagara citizens that are unable to drive and having a Post Office within walking distance is a must for them.
- Since this is a rural area, many patrons have their medications sent through the mail. With no Post Office how are medications going to have a consistent environment that is cohesive in maintaining the medication efficiency?
- Mail sits in mail boxes on the Dakota Prairie, leaving personal and confidential information unattended. Having a Post Office box keeps mail secure.
- Packages left at mail boxes do not always fit in the boxes and the weather is not always accommodating to keep the packages intact.
- Many of the elderly and disabled find it safer to drive into Niagara, and have the safety and the accessibility of the Post Office.
- Some rural mail boxes can not accommodate the bulk mail and medication sent.
- During the winter, the roads are snow plowed and as a result snow is piled in front of the mail box. Removal of snow is the responsibility of the patron. Unfortunately, the elderly and the disabled are unable to do so. Most of the elderly and the disabled are living on a fixed income and here in North Dakota snow removal around mail boxes is a big expense. Having a Post Office Box is safe and easy access to retrieve their mail.
- It has been reported how the age of computers has decreased the rate of mail sent in the United States. This may be true, however here in the City of Niagara; four of the twenty- six homes do not have computers. I would say these homes fully support the Post Office with their mail and truly does everyone really pay bills on line?
- The Niagara Post Office has become a hub for the community which is a unique bonus, since the City of Niagara does not have a cafe, bank, grocery store or even a tavern. Here neighbors meet and social events are discussed and passed on. This bonus does not cost the Postal Service any money. The Community of Niagara is a living example of Home Town America. What a wonderful place to live!

In conclusion, closing of the Niagara Post Office will create hardship for the Community! We the citizens of the Niagara Community are honest, hard working and tax payers of the United States of America! Is closing our Post Office fair to us?

Sincerely,

Niagara Rural Fire Protection District

Citizens against the Closing  
Of the Niagara Post Office

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RE: Closure of the Niagara ND Post Office

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To Whom It May Concern:

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My father fought in World War II to keep our country free and to assure that we could  
Make our own choices as to where we would live and how we would make our living  
among many other freedoms. He was on a navy ship for 6 years and was the bomber in  
the airplane. He sat in a glass bubble under the plane while Japanese airplanes shot at  
him and God only knows how he made it back alive.

My father-in-law spent years in Europe on the ground and participated in gun battles and  
again, only God knows how he was able to safely return home. These men and hundreds  
of thousands like them today suffered the scars of war to ensure our freedoms and it is  
still being fought for today.

How dare you take away the privileges that they fought for. How dare you inconvenience  
them because they chose to return to rural areas to grow your food cheaply and raise  
their children with a strong work ethic and to pay their taxes that enabled this country to  
move forward & continue to be the best and the strongest country in the world.

How dare you dishonor them by taking away their basic services after they sacrificed  
their lives for you and us all.

There has got to be another way to stabilize the USPS than by closing the small post  
offices that serve thousands of elderly veterans and young veterans and their families.



Sandra K Behm

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Near Postal Regulatory Commission 2011 NOV 29 P 2:11

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I farm and have a seed cleaning  
business. I work out of town  
a lot and don't like leaving important  
letters in a rural mail box for many  
days or up to a week.

I would like to see the  
Post Office stay open.

Thank You  
Tim Krueger

TIM KRUEGER  
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